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SUBJ: MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR MOROCCO - FOREIGN MINISTER'S
DESIRE TO SEE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SCHLESINGER

REF: RABAT 1080

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BENHIMA
IN PARIS ON APRIL 7, HE SAID KING HAD TALKED TO HIM ABOUT
FORCE MODERNIZATION AND TAT REPORT AND EMPHASIZED IMPRO-
TANCE OF AIR-TO-AIR AND GROUND-TO-AIR MISSILES AS PART
OF IMPACT PACKAGE WHICH MOROCCAN ARMED FORCES NEEDED.
KING WAS ALSO ANXIOUS TO GET SOME RELIEF FROM PAYMENT
SCHEDULE OF FNU AND PRIVATE CREDITS OFFERED AND WOULD

PARTICULARLY LIKE HAVE FIVE-YEAR GRACE PERIOD, GIVEN
CURRENT GOM OBLIGATIONS UNDER FIVE YEAR PLAN. BENHIMA
SAID HE WOULD LIKE DISCUSS THESE POINTS WITH SECRETARIES
OF STATE AND DEFENSE.

2. BENHIMA ALREADY HAS APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY
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KISSINGER IN NEW YORK ON APRIL 14. WOULD BE PREPARED

GO TO WASHINGTON ANY DAY EXCEPT 11TH OR 12TH TO SEE
SECRETARY SCHLESINGER.

3. DEPUTY CINCEUR, GENERAL EADE, WHO ARRIVED RABAT
APRIL 9 AND WHO WILL SEE KING APRIL 10, WILL OF COURSE
DISCUSS MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROBLEMS WITH HIM. WE NOT
SURE WHAT BENHIMA WILL BE ABLE ADD TO THAT EXCHANGE,
BUT WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR SECRETARY SCHLESINGER
TO RECEIVE HIM. HE IS IMPORTANT INDIVIDUAL TO HAVE ON OUR
SIDE IN MOROCCO AND ANY RED CARPET WE CAN EXTEND HIM
WILL PAY DIVIDENDS FOR OUR POSITION HERE.
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